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A paintball player returns fire as paintballs zip past his head, Saturday, at Paintball Hawaii on MCB Hawaii, during an SM&SP paintball tourney.

SM&SP battles at paintball

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Sports Editor

The Single Marine & Single Sailor Program joined with Paintball Hawaii Saturday to host a paintball tournament for active duty military and local residents while offering paintball prizes and giveaways.

In the round robin "Capture the Flag" tournament, seven teams competed through 10 matches for top score before determining a winner through a single-elimination championship playoff.

Each team of three competed in each of the 10 matches for 100 total possible points in each match. Five points were awarded for eliminating a competitor; 20 points were awarded to the team who pulled the centralized flag from its resting place; 50 points were awarded to the winning team who successfully hung the flag from their opponents' wall, and five points were awarded for every team member left "alive" at the end of the round.

The fast-paced matches rarely lasted longer than five minutes, as teams used communication and suppressive fire to gain the advantageous position on their opponent.

"We just went straight for the flag every time," said Robert Carrick Jr., a member of the winning team, and an

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3rd Marines host 10k

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Approximately 300 running enthusiasts from Oahu gathered Saturday to compete in the 12th Annual 3rd Marines 10-kilometer run that weaved around MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The race was open to the public and began at 8 a.m. and finished at the Pop Warner Field. From the starting point at the field, the runners took off across the flight line towards Pyramid Rock Beach, where they were directed to run a large loop and end up traveling back across the

flight line once again. From the very start, the top runners split from the pack, led by overall race winner, Rob Adams. Jason Kut and Aubrey Curtis followed closely behind as the runners tackled the small foothills near the beach. Water stations littered the course as runners were directed towards the Marine Corps Air Facility and past the Marina, Kahuna's Bar & Grill, clear across the base where they turned around near Firestone.

"It was a beautiful course," said Kut after the race. "I'm glad I came out to compete — it was good competition, there are

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Runners enjoyed Saturday's Hawaiian sunshine while participating in the 12th Annual 3rd Marines 10k run that wrapped around Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

12 intramural players tried out...

Nine Marines selected

All-Marine Baseball coach invites K-Bay players to California

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Nine Marines were selected, Saturday, by All-Marine Baseball Coach Lloyd Dawson to go to California and compete for positions on the All-Marine Baseball team.

The selected Marines must first be cleared by their commands to participate in the baseball season with the All-Marine team, but, if allowed, will join Dawson and Marine Aircraft Group 24 assistant coach and pitcher, returning All-Marine Larry Drake, at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Among the selected was Akaniao Kozeniewski, a Headquarters Battalion Marine and native Hawaiian, who Dawson noted as being "the best baseball player out there — by far."

"He's strong; has great hands; and has some real raw talent," said Dawson of Kozeniewski. "He could have an immediate impact on our team and, with a little work, could even go to the next level."

Catcher Sean O'Connor and infielder Joe Dunn of MAG-24,



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Rory Chapin, MAG-24 outfielder, shows off his speed during tryouts, diving to catch a ball hit by Dawson. According to Dawson, "you can't teach speed."

were also among those selected.

"I'll probably move [O'Connor] to first base," said Dawson, "cause he's also got a great set of hands and a good glove."

According to Dawson, his goal will be to expose these Marines to scouts and to get as many Marines signed and advanced to the next level in baseball, as he can, should they have that desire.

"We play our home games at PETCO Park, immediately follow-

ing the San Diego Padres games," said Dawson. "The Marines get to enjoy all of the luxuries that the major-league players enjoy at PETCO Park.

"It's really cool," added Drake, who played with the All-Marine team in previous years. "These guys have no idea, but it's a pretty awesome experience.

Three more players from MAG-24 selected by Dawson were outfielder Rory Chapin, who Dawson noted for his speed, lefty John Zaldonis who may play first or pitcher, and Jared Rigby, who pitched the championship series for MAG-24. Patrol Squadron 9 pitcher Dan Zimmerman was also selected, along with Travis Tammillo, who was selected by Dawson for his youth as a right-handed pitcher.

"There was one person I really wanted to take with me, but I had too many first basemen, and that was Mike Ricks," said Dawson. "Great attitude, good player all around."

According to Dawson, the Marines selected will compete at Camp Pendleton for a position on the final All-Marine Baseball team roster.

"There will be some Marines coming back, but I try not to let that happen," said Dawson. "I choose the players who I think have what it takes to make it onto the team."

Kaneohe Bay loses sports icon as Callahan moves on

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Running a football team is no different than running any other kind of organization — an army, a political party or a business. The principles are the same. The object is to win — to beat the other guy. Maybe that sounds hard or cruel. I don't think it is. It is a reality of life that men are competitive and the most competitive games draw the most competitive men. That's why they are there — to compete. To know the rules and objectives when they get in the game. The object is to win fairly, squarely and by the rules — but to win. And in truth, I've never known a man worth his salt who in the long run, deep down in his heart, didn't appreciate the grind, the discipline and the harsh reality of head-to-head combat...I firmly believe that any man's finest hour — his greatest fulfillment to all he holds dear — is that moment when he had to work his heart out in a good cause and he's exhausted on the field of battle — victorious.

— Vince Lombardi (1913-1970), Head Coach of the Green Bay Packers, 1959-1967

For a competitor like Thomas Callahan, the art of coaching takes on more than just teaching some children how to play a sport. For him, it's the disbursement of personal pride and his insurance that the job is done right.

As some Marines aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii bid farewell to their well-known teammate, others say goodbye to their child's favorite coach and mentor, as Callahan moves on to his next duty station at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., today.

A well-recognized face on any local "field of battle," Callahan played eight seasons in four different sports and coached six seasons of three different youth sports during his stay at MCB Hawaii. As Callahan leaves Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, he looks back on his tour here as a sparkling memory in his family's love affair with sports.

Known around K-Bay for his specific love of soccer, Callahan didn't have much interest for the sport growing up in Benton Harbor, Mich., where he was born, Feb. 9, 1975.

"I was most interested in football, because that was just what most of the kids seemed to play," said Callahan.

In middle school, Callahan played as a defensive end and an outside linebacker, and to

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Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Thomas Callahan, chief quality control non-commissioned officer for 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, jumps over a 3rd Radio Battalion player on his way to scoring the second goal of the game during the post-season Intramural Soccer Tournament, Aug. 6. Bound to be missed by many parents and his fellow Marines, Callahan departs MCB Hawaii, today, for Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

Splash into summer with MCCS Aquatics

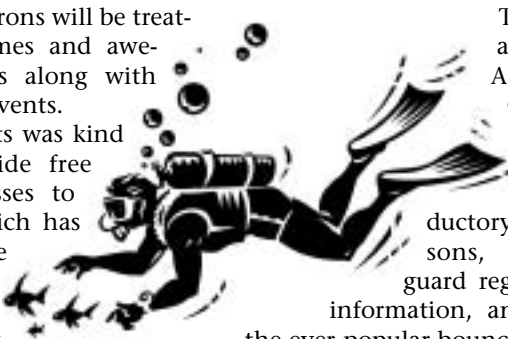
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MCCS Public Relations

It's summer time, "and the living is easy." Join the Marine Corps Community Services Aquatics crew for a little fun in the sun at the 2005 Spring Splash. This day of poolside excitement will be held at the Kaneohe Bay Base Pool on May 14, from noon to 4 p.m.

The Summer Splash is free to military, family members, DoD civilians

and reservists. Patrons will be treated to music, games and awesome door prizes along with numerous other events.

Ocean Concepts was kind enough to provide free introductory classes to scuba diving, which has always been the children's favorite, according to a company representative.



There will also be free American Red Cross swim evaluations for kids of all ages, introductory surfing lessons, junior life-guard registration and information, and of course, the ever-popular bouncy house.

"What we're really excited about is

Summer Splash coincides closely to the pool's reopening after extensive beautification of the deck," stated Dino Leonard, assistant manager of MCCS Water Aquatics.

The base pool reopened early this week after more than one month of resurfacing work to the pool deck. The pool will return to normal hours which are: lap swimming from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., recreation swimming from 1 to 5 p.m., and lap swimming again from 5 to 6 p.m.

Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the base pool is open from noon to 5 p.m. for recreational and lap swimming.

"No pre-registration is necessary, just come on down and enjoy the day," invited Leonard. "Give us a call for information on the summer splash, swim lessons, the reopening of the pool or whatever else we can help you with." The base pool is located in Building 981. For more information, call 254-7655.

BASE SPORTS

Friday

Men's Varsity Basketball Tryouts — Meet Dean Jordan at the Semper Fit Center to try out for the men's varsity basketball team Friday from 6-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Joe Au at 254-7591 or Dean Jordan at 257-2103 ext. 318.

May 14

Kaneohe Bay Summer Splash — Join the MCCS Aquatics crew for the 2005 Spring Splash to be held on May 14 at the newly renovated Kaneohe Bay Base Pool, from noon to 4 p.m. It's free to military, family members, DoD civilians and reservists.

Enjoy music, games, athletic demonstrations and more with numerous other events. Kids can take introductory lessons to snorkeling and surfing and watch awesome demonstrations. The Summer Splash will have swim lesson signups and information ready for parents interested in enrolling their children. To get in on the water action, call MCCS Aquatics at 254-7655.

May 20

101 Days of Summer — Give or take one or two days, this is the period of time we all know as summer. Memorial Day and Labor Day unofficially bookend this most popular season filled with fun and sun.

For the Marines and Sailors of MCB Hawaii, 101 Days of Summer means flag football, races, Bayfest, and volunteer opportunities, all with the goal of beating other units to the top of the summer heap.

The 101 Days of Summer Campaign began as a letter from the commandant on drug reduction.

The goal of the program is to offer healthy alternatives to drug and alcohol use. It has worked.

Last year's positive urinalysis tests were down 24 percent from the previous year during the 101 Days of Summer campaign. Last year's top three units were MALS-24, MCAF and Headquarters Battalion, in that order.

This year, who knows? Go for it. The 101 Days of Summer kicks off this year with a 5k run, May 20. For complete information on the 101 Days of Summer schedule for 2005

contact Dan Dufrene, the MCCS Health Promotions Coordinator at 254-7636.

May 21

MAG-24 Triathlon Hits Kaneohe Bay — Run, bike or swim to MCB Hawaii for the 9th Annual MAG-24 Sprint Triathlon.

This hard-core event includes a 500-meter swim, an 11.1-mile bike leg, and concludes with a 3.5-mile run. Check in is at 5:30 a.m. at the Base Marina pier. Military registration is \$22 and civilian fee is \$27. Three-person team fee is \$66. The early registration deadline is May 13. Late fee is \$3 for individuals and \$9 for teams.

Call the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597 or stop by to register.

May 27 – 29

Volunteers needed to Support Special Olympics — Almost 800 athletes are busy training and will compete with your help! Volunteers are the backbone of Special Olympics and we need the help of Kaneohe's Marines to help to make this year's

State Summer Games a success. More than 500 volunteers are needed to fill various positions including set-up, security, awards ceremony (in uniform), athlete physical assessments, operations and breakdown. Visit www.specialolympicshawaii.org for more information and access to a "Day of Event Registration Form" to make volunteering easy and convenient. Simply fax (943-8814) or e-mail the form back to volunteers@specialolympicshawaii.org or contact Cindy Ujimori at 943-8808, ext. 27 for more information.

Ongoing

Camp Smith Intramural Softball League Registration Now — Camp Smith Athletics is currently accepting registrations for the Intramural Softball League. The league will begin on June 13.

Game days and schedules will be announced in the near future. Submit your team rosters to Camp Smith's Fitness Center, located in Building 2C, or call Angela Pittman at 477-0498 or 477-5197.

Semper Fit Center Offers Personal Trainers — For those looking to get in to a tailored exercise regiment, or for those just looking for some good advice on weight management and control, the Semper Fit Center offers free personal training consultation.

You can schedule an appointment with a trainer, who will take body fat, blood pressure, heart rate readings and more, and tailor a program based on your physical needs and ambitions. For only \$5 per workout, your trainer will actually train with you to ensure maximum efficiency.

Pick up a personal training appointment card at the Semper Fit Center now, or call 254-7597.

Aerobics Room Gets a Little Cooler — The Aerobics room at the Kaneohe Bay Semper Fit Center is getting a facelift! Air conditioners will be installed, which will impact class schedules.

The renovations will last from Monday through May 31, but the room will only be closed from

Monday through Friday. Aerobics classes will remain at the center, but held in different rooms. Call 254-7597 for scheduling information.

Campground and Picnic Sites — For picnic and camping sites, Marine Corps Base Hawaii offers some of the most scenic beaches on the island.

Three of those beaches, Pyramid Rock, Hale Koa and Fort Hase are available by reservation for picnics and parties from dawn to dusk. Hale Koa Beach may also be reserved for overnight camping.

Reservations are required. For reservations, call 254-7666 for Kaneohe or 477-5143 for Camp Smith.

Semper Fit Center Offers it All — The Semper Fit Center has an aerobics class for anyone and everyone trying to meet fitness goals.

Check out as many of the following programs as you would like: Yoga, Cycling, Tai Chi, Cardio-Kick, Gut Cut, Step-Challenge, Water Aerobics, Pilates, Marathon Training and much, much more.

For class information, call the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597.

Fishing Charters Available at MCB Hawaii — Spend the day aboard one of Mahalo Kai's charter fishing boats.

Mahalo Kai has been serving MCB Hawaii since 1992, offering a day of fishing in the bountiful waters off the Windward side.

For more information, stop by the Base Marina located in Building 1698, across from Hangar 101, or call 254-7666/7667.

Inexpensive, Fun Entertainment — Look no further for economical entertainment Mondays through Thursdays at the K-Bay Lanes where all E-5 and below can receive free rental shoes and discounted games at only \$1.50 a game.

This discount is good for open play, but does not qualify for tournaments, leagues or unit functions. Call the K-Bay Lanes at 254-7693 to get the spin.

Semper Fit Group Exercise May 2005

Monday
8:45 – 10 a.m. — Step 2 It
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. — Gut Cut
4:45 – 5:45 p.m. — Cycling (\$3 / \$1 active duty)
5:45 – 6:45 p.m. — Kick Interval
6:45 – 7:45 p.m. — Pilates

Tuesday
6 – 7 a.m. — Cycling (\$3 / Free to active duty)
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. — Muscle Conditioning
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. — Yoga
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. — H.I.T.S.
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. — Butt Cut
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. — Step & Tone

Wednesday
6 – 7 a.m. — H.E.A.T.
8:45 – 10 a.m. — Step Challenge
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. — Gut Cut
4:45 – 5:45 p.m. — Cycling (\$3 / \$1 active duty)
6:45 – 7:45 p.m. — Pilates

Thursday
6 – 7 a.m. — Cycling (\$3 / Free to active duty)
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. — Muscle Conditioning
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. — Butt Cut
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. — H.I.T.S.
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. — Step & Tone

Friday
8:45 – 10 a.m. — Step 2 It
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. — Gut Cut
4:45 – 5:45 p.m. — Cycling (\$3 / Free to active duty)
5:45 – 6:45 p.m. — Pilates

Saturday
9 – 10:30 a.m. — Step & Tone

Note: A book of 10 single-class coupons for \$2 each can be purchased for \$15 at the Semper Fit Center.

COMMUNITY SPORTS

HTMC to Hike Waihole Valley

Join the Hawaii Trail and Mountain Club Sunday and May 14 for some challenging hikes here on Oahu.

Sunday at 8 a.m., the club will be hiking to Kuolani-Waianu. A 5-mile hike, located deep in Waiahole Valley, we ford a stream or two and take the old ditch trail, following the contour of the mountains. Watch for the bird-nest ferns. The loop route provides variety and panoramic views. Coordinator is Doug Klein at 235-8330.



May 14 at 8 a.m., hikers will be taking on Kawaewae, a 3-mile ridge hike in Kaneohe. We start in the pleasant Friendship Gardens in residential Kaneohe with an easy hillside stroll, but the route quickly moves a bit beyond the "novice" category. The views are great and provide a different perspective on Kaneohe and the Bay. Contact coordinator Dayle Turner, at 384-4821 or turner@hawaii.edu.

A \$2 donation is requested for each non-member, 18 and older. A responsible adult must accompany children under 18. Bring lunch and water on all hikes and wear sturdy shoes and clothing. Firearms, pets, radios and audio devices are prohibited on hikes.

Check out the HTMC Web site at www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/3660 for more information.

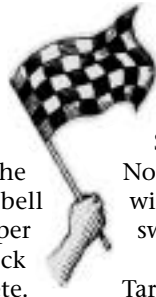
2005 Sports Car Racing Gears Up

The Hawaii Region Sports Car Club of America will host six major races in 2005 and Solo II races on Oahu and Maui.

Solo II, or Autocross, is held at the Hawaii Raceway Park at Campbell Industrial Park on Oahu and costs \$25 per driver. About 70 to 90 cars, from stock vehicles to race cars, usually compete. The event is purely amateur, but anybody can participate.

Each driver receives four runs through the sports car course, and the driver with the single fastest time in the class wins.

Points acquired throughout the year accumulate for prizes and trophies presented at year's end. Minimum participation in more than half of the year's races is required to be in



the running for points and the run-off championship.

Races are scheduled as follows: June 5, July 3, Aug. 14, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Nov. 13 and Dec. 26. For more details, call Curtis Lee at 262-5987.

The Wheel-to-Wheel and Solo I racing events are regional sports car races at Hawaii Raceway Park. All drivers must pass a driver's school to obtain a competition license, as the cars are raced at speeds of up to 140 mph and passing is permitted. Both the driver and vehicle must comply with a number of safety features before they are granted race entry. Future races will be on the following dates: May 15, July 10, Sept. 5 and Nov. 26.

For more details, call Ed Hollman at 488-1782.

MPRRC to Host 10k runs

The Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club will host a 10k run on the Pearl Harbor bike path, Sunday at 7 a.m. The race will begin at Lehua School.

There will be an elite division along with age divisions. Another 10-mile run will take place at Schofield Barracks, May 22 at 6:30 a.m. MPRRC members pay only \$2 to register; the general public pays \$5.

Runners can register online at www.active.com or sign up on race day. Directions to Lehua School are available at www.mprrc.com/cdphbikepath.html.

Bikefactory to Host Triathlon

Mokuleia Beach Park on Oahu's North Shore will be the setting of the Tarlavsky's North Shore Triathlon 2005, May 28. The race will begin at 6 a.m. and consist of a 400-meter swim, 10-mile bike ride and a 3-mile run.

The race is in honor of Army Capt. Mike Tarlavsky, who was killed in Iraq, Aug. 12, 2004.

Classic beverage stein awards will go to the top three finishers in each individual division and mugs will go to members of top three teams in each division.

Individual divisions include: elite, age groups in five year increments and military for both men and women. Relay divisions include: men, women, military and mixed.

North Shore residents may pick up packet at Mokuleia Beach Park on May 27, from 4 to 7 p.m. Honolulu residents may pick up their packet at Boca Hawaii, 330 Cooke St. (behind Bike Factory) May 22 and 23, from noon to 4 p.m. Please make every effort to come to packet pickup; there will be a \$5 charge to pick up your packet on race day.

Registration costs are \$60 per individual and \$100 per team. Check-In and race marking will be race morning from 4:30 to 5:45 a.m. Volunteers are welcome and will receive a shirt and refreshments. For more information call Chris Gardner at 372-8885.

State Offers Outdoor Education

The Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources is offering education classes to the public. Subjects covered include firearms and archery safety, survival and first aid, wildlife identification and conservation, regulations, game care and outdoor responsibility. Attendance at two sessions is required for certification, and classes are open to anyone 10 and older who enjoy the outdoors — not just hunters.

The next two-day session is Today from 5:45 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in classroom A-212A at the Nimitz Business Center, 1130 N. Nimitz Hwy. (Drive up the ramp to the classroom, which is the first room on the right.) A picture ID is required for entry to the sessions. For more information about outdoor education, or to sign up for this course, call 587-0200 or visit www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/Welcome.html.

Mango Days 5k to benefit The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

The 5k course is completely contained in beautiful Ala Moana Beach Park. All proceeds support The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in finding a cure for blood cancers. The race kicks off June 5 at 6:30 a.m.

Registration fees are \$20 for individuals and \$20 for the baby jogger division. A post-race breakfast banquet will be held at Compadres for \$8. Breakfast is limited to 300 people. Register online at www.active.com through June 2. Packet pick-up is June 4 at Niketown Honolulu. Overall awards will be given for the top three male and female, overall masters

male and female, 10 year age categories, three deep. There is also an additional category for baby joggers with prizes, compliments of Stroller Strides.

Hawaiian Half-Marathon

The 5th Annual Hawaiian Half-Marathon will start at 5 a.m. on June 12 at Ala Moana Park Drive next to the Waikiki Yacht Club. Participants should be at the start by 4:45 a.m. The 5-Mile walk will start at 7 a.m. on Monsarrat Avenue., in front of the Waikiki Shell. Race packets can be picked up at the Running Room, 819 Kapahulu Ave., June 10, from 4 to 7 p.m., or at Runners Hawaii, 98-390A Kamehameha Hwy., June 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friends or relatives may pick up packets with a valid ID.

Parking will be available in the Magic Island parking lot only until 4 a.m. No vehicles will be allowed to enter or exit Ala Moana Park after 4 a.m. No parking will be permitted on Ala Moana Boulevard or Ala Moana Park Drive. Parking will be permitted in the Waikiki Bandstand and Waikiki Shell parking lot. The Honolulu Zoo parking lot will also be available. There will be a clothing drop off at the entrance of Magic Island and all clothing must be picked up at Kapiolani Park no later than 9 a.m.

Restrooms will be available in the start area; however, it is recommended that you use the restroom at your home or hotel prior to coming to the race. It is recommended that you drink plenty of water 24 hours prior to the race. Water aid stations will be approximately every 2.5 miles along the race. Should you need medical assistance, medical personnel will be on duty in the finish line area. Upon completion of the race, proceed to the bandstand area for refreshments and the awards ceremony, which will be held at approximately 8:30 a.m.

For more information, send an e-mail to HawaiianHalfMarathon@kihnhn1.com, or to volunteer, call RRH Productions, LLC at 923-0492.

Hawaii Marine Accepts Briefs

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The Bottom Line

(Editor’s Note: “The Bottom Line” is the **Hawaii Marine’s** weekly sports commentary from two sports aficionados who rarely see eye-to-eye when it comes to America’s one true obsession — sports. Chances are you’ll either agree with one of their takes or disagree with both. The **Hawaii Marine** welcomes your e-mails of no more than 250 words. We will print the top comment of the week from our readers. Send “Readers Strike Back” comments to editor@hawaiimarine.com. Remember, “If you don’t speak up, you won’t be heard.”)

Has 2005 MLB surprised you yet?

Sgt. Joe Lindsay
The Goat

Why certainly I’d like to have that fellow who hits a home run every time at bat, who strikes out every opposing batter when he’s pitching, who throws strikes to any base or the plate when he’s playing outfield and who’s always thinking about two innings ahead just what he’ll do to baffle the other team. Any manager would want a guy like that playing for him. The only trouble is to get him to put down his cup of beer and come down out of the stands and do those things.
— Danny Murtaugh,
Manager, Pittsburgh Pirates
(1957-64, 67, 70-71, 73-76)

It is a goal of The Goat to replace this week’s column on “The biggest surprise thus far in the baseball season” with something which might furnish an escape from the drudgery of The Professor’s column, keep the readers entertained and out of mischief, and at the same time preserve the best thing in them, which is their hardy spirit of blindly following their own team. Go A’s.
This experiment in picking the biggest surprise in baseball after just one month, in order to give the thing vogue from the start and place it

out of the reach of The Professor’s criticism, the surprise teams must be chosen by rank, not capacity. After all, there is hardly a Major League Baseball player on any team who doesn’t look upon himself as a sceptered sovereign.
As for material of this sort, there is a glut of it always around George Steinbrenner. You can’t even throw a baseball in any direction these days and not cripple a king.

Biggest Surprises of 2005 MLB Season:
1. *New York Yankees* — To quote Mark Twain, uh, “The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated.” Same goes for the Yankees. So what if the Bronx Bombers are battling Tampa Bay for last place in the American League East Division? It’s only the beginning of May. King George isn’t worried. Oh yeah, he just completely revamped his line-up and for all practical purposes threatened his players, manager, coaches and ball boys with the guillotine.
They’ll still be here in October though. Nevertheless, the Yanks sure could use Dave Winfield right now.
2. *Chicago White Sox* — By far the best team in the majors to date. With a pitching staff throwing nearly a half run earned run average lower than any other team in the AL, the White Sox have the best record in the big leagues, and

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Capt. K.D. Robbins
The Professor

Issues come in many forms: There are those who take “issue” with players throwing chairs at them at a baseball game, just ask Texas Ranger relief pitcher Frank Francisco.
There are serious “issues” in the world of baseball; steroids, gambling, escalating salaries, \$10 hot dogs. And finally, there is this week’s “issue” of the *Hawaii Marine*, featuring “The Bottom Line.”
For those who loyally read the weekly banter between The Professor and The Goat, perhaps your memory will take you back to last season when The Goat urged you to bet the farm on the Yankees as the “team to beat.”
One chowderhead World Series, a Juicing Giambi, an overpaid A-Rod, a limping Randy Johnson and a \$205 million dollar Steinbrenner nightmare later ... well, the results speak for themselves.
This season’s early surprises, aside from the struggle of the overpaid, over-aged Steinbrenners, offer baseball just the distraction it needs in the midst of Congressional hearings and continued scrutiny of minor leaguers, vice high profilers who love the juice.

This List is Just the Prescription That Baseball Needs:
Derrek Lee: It’s early. But, the Cubs first baseman, normally praised for his golden glove, the lean-muscled Lee is putting up Triple Crown numbers and is a lock for 30–30.
Dontrelle Willis: Willis is 5–0. That’s one-third of the Marlins 15 wins. His anemic 1.29 ERA is ridiculous. He is just the charismatic superstar that baseball needs.
Jon Garland: As the construction worker in major-league said: “Who are these [bleeping] guys?” The White Sox starter is 5–0 with a 1.38 ERA.
Baltimore Orioles: With the Yankees in fourth, the Red Sox in third and the upstart Blue Jays in second, the Camden Yards crew leads the NL East by two games. If Brian Roberts keeps hitting and the no-name pitching staff keeps throwing, this team could steal the division from baseball’s two beloved franchises.

Bottom Line: One month into 2005 and baseball continues to ask more questions than it answers: Will Barry ever walk again, let alone break Hank Aaron’s home run record? Will the Yankees play to their

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Readers Strike Back

“Take your Oakland blinders off for just a minute ... see what I see.”

Dear Bottom Line,

Me being a Steelers fan, I am not really concerned with who got who in the top 10 picks. However, if you ask what teams got the best players in the first round, I would have to say Green Bay and Tampa Bay.
Yep, that’s right “Nutty Professor,” Aaron Rodgers will be the golden boy at Green Bay. Why? Because of his arm strength and quick release. Aaron

Rodgers will fit right in with the program. He is practically a Brett Farve clone. Maybe you didn’t see him against USC, but he put up a better number than the Hiesman Trophy winner, Matt Lienhart, and nearly dethroned the defending chumps — I mean, champs.
Having said all of that, my prediction for rookie of the year is none other than the Cadillac of this year’s draft. Take your Oakland blinders off for just a minute, and you will see what I see.

Remember when Oakland had Charlie Garner and John Gruden was the coach? Yeah, that’s right, they went to the AFC Championship and Charlie Garner put up some career numbers. Well don’t expect much less from Carnell Williams. He fits right in to the program there and old “Johnnieboy” is running him until the cows come home. Go Steelers!

Michael Sloan
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Photo courtesy of Kristin Callahan

Standing in uniform amongst their combined medals, awards and plaques are (left) Thomas Callahan Jr., Thomas Callahan, and daughters Courtney and Christiana Callahan.

CALLAHAN, From C-1

this day, according to Callahan, a framed photograph of him laying a hit on a ball-carrier, capturing the game MVP, remains displayed at his school. The caption indicates that the scene depicted “a bowling ball running over a French fry.”

Callahan also went undefeated as a wrestler at the same time, all the way through his freshman year.

“Soccer didn’t come around in my life until I met one of my best friends in my freshman year, and his dad played for the Greek National Team in the World Cup. He told me, ‘I’m gonna make you a soccer player!’ He was raising his son to be a World Cup athlete, so by association, I was just sucked into the sport, and it seemed like there weren’t very many of us.”

Callahan traveled the surrounding states with his team, and even had the opportunity to play for the local Kickers Club, before moving to Georgia his sophomore year — putting soccer on pause. Unfortunately, the Blue Ridge, Ga., area had no soccer league, even after Callahan petitioned the city council.

Luckily, Callahan was more than familiar with the sport of football, which the southern town took very seriously. He played a year revisiting football before moving on to basketball, where he found natural talent, though wasted, as his skill level was not a determining factor on whether he made the varsity team cut.

“It hurt me a lot,” said Callahan. “I remember being pretty upset about it, as I even had most of my teammates’ support — even they were shocked I didn’t make the team.”

Focused on other issues, Callahan took a three-month trip to Parris Island, S.C., that fall, and became a Marine Dec. 15, 1994.

While attending motor transportation school at Camp Johnson, N.C., Callahan recalled coming back from chow one day and seeing a couple guys kicking a soccer ball around.

“Oh, I was right back into it then!” exclaimed Callahan. “As I moved from base to base, I kept up with as many sports as I could. I remember being so happy that I could do what I loved while in the Marine Corps.”

Callahan played for Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Henderson Hall’s team while stationed in Quantico, Va., He played in several tournaments, taking championships at most every one.

While at Quantico, Callahan found his love of coaching when his stepdaughter, Christiana, indicated that she wanted to learn how to play soccer.

“She’s the reason why I started coaching,” said Callahan. “I wanted to make sure she learned the right way.”

Starting out on the field, Christiana quickly learned that guarding the net was her forte.

“She was like a wall,” said Callahan of his daughter. “She wasn’t afraid to slide or get dirty. I remember one game in Quantico, the coach from the other team asked me if I’d trade her for his midfielder. I told him that I would have a lot of explaining to do with my wife when I got home if I did that.”

Callahan and his soccer-playing wife, Kristin, had their hands full, as their children all grew into their unavoidable sports hobbies — Callahan sported the soccer ball and

whistle while Kristin followed closely behind with the bowl full of sliced oranges.

“My wife really does all the work,” said Callahan modestly. “She’s been extremely supportive and is just the greatest ‘team mom’ there could be. We weren’t surprised at all to see the kids get into the same sports we are into, and that is what got me into coaching, because I was so insistent that the kids learn the right way.”

When the Callahans arrived in Hawaii, his oldest daughter, 14-year-old Christiana, immediately got into flag football, and according to Callahan, still plays as the only girl and the starting quarterback for the team while also playing as a small forward for the Kailua Intermediate basketball team.

“Courtney is my little munchkin,” said Callahan of his 12-year-old middle daughter. “She’s such a dynamo when it comes to sports.

She’ll attack, but then her feminine side shines through, and she won’t want to get dirty.”

But this year, according to Callahan, Courtney was “a monster” of aggression that came out of nowhere — attacking the ball on defense. Currently playing on a separate team from her sister’s, Courtney is enjoying her own sports in her own way. Also a cheerleader, his middle daughter was the captain of a cheer-leading squad in 2004.

And then there is Thomas Jr. According to Callahan, 8-year-old Thomas has dominated soccer since he’s started, and he’s even been asked by some of the referees to take his son out of the game because he’s literally too good for his age.

“In 2003, my son and I had a competition to see who could score the most goals in the season,” said Callahan, “and of course, my son beat me — I’ll never live it down. The great thing about Thomas, though, is that he really understands the game of soccer, at a fundamental level.”

According to Callahan, a captain aboard MCB Hawaii once offered to fund Thomas’ education at Manchester United, where he could further define his soccer skills, but Callahan declined because he didn’t want to be separated from his son.

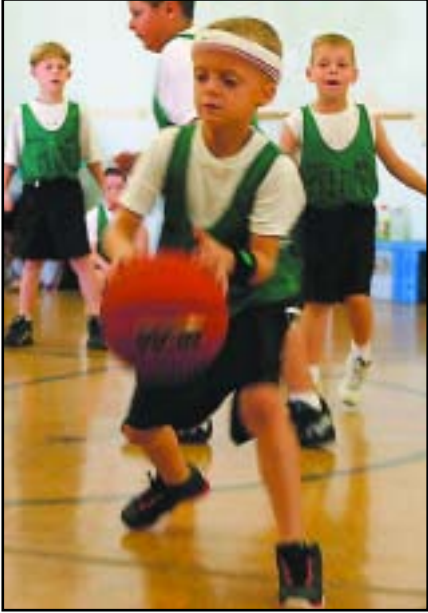
“My son has a huge ego in all the sports he plays,” said Callahan,

“including basketball. He thinks he’s Michael Jordan. He definitely gets it from me, because I’ve always told him, and all of my children, that the moment they step out onto the field or onto the court, that they are the best ones out there, and the other team is going to have to stop them.”

Thomas Jr. was crushed after losing the championship basketball season last year and vowed to go all the way in the following season, and now stands successful with the championship in hand. According to Callahan, the first words out of Thomas’ mouth were, “I told you so, dad!”

Callahan has played soccer at MCB Hawaii for three years, football for two years, baseball for two years, and softball for

See CALLAHAN, C-5



Cpl. Megan S. Stiner

Coached by his father, Thomas Jr. plays in the championship basketball game at the K-Bay youth gym during the 2004 season.

CALLAHAN, *From C-4*

one, all while coaching youth soccer for two years, youth football for two years, and youth basketball for two years. “I can’t say enough to thank the people who have let me be a part of the base sports programs since I’ve been stationed here, said Callahan. “Coach [Master Gunnery Sgt. Gerardo] Panetta has been a huge help and a great mentor. Doug McGlaughlin and Master Chief Richard Dew have all been tremendous supporters, and last but definitely not least, is Clark Abbey [MCCS youth

sports coordinator], who has let me do my own thing in youth sports from the get go, and I can’t express enough thanks to him for letting me be a part of his youth sports programs.” After three years as the base’s leading scorer (unofficially) in soccer, and several unsuccessful invitations to play for All-Marine teams due to the Marine Corps mission, Callahan moves on to his next duty station determined once again to take part in whatever coaching opportunities come his way. “My ultimate goal is to

coach at the high school or maybe even the collegiate level some day. Of course, I would have loved to play for an All-Marine team at some point, but right now I’m just looking forward to arriving at Cherry Point in time to get Thomas Jr. signed up for the fall soccer season.” Thomas carries with him the spirit of victory in competition so eloquently expressed in Vince Lombardi’s words, and when he arrives in North Carolina, Callahan and his family will be on the field to play, and on the field to win — “fair and square.”

PAINTBALL, *From C-1*

Army medic at Tripler Army Medical Center. “Our strategy was simple, everyone covering the middle man, and I was able to get to the flag just about every round to secure 20 points for our team.”

Carrick’s team, called “9674,” was the second-place team going into the finals, along with “No Joke,” the “Hapa Kids,” and “No Use For a Name.” The regular division leader, No Joke, was eliminated by the Hapa Kids in the first round of the playoffs in a very quick upset.

“I have no idea what happened,” said No Joke team member Myron Montilliano. “The middle guy got out and then he came for me. A little kid just lit me up, brah!”

In the semifinals match against No Use For a Name, 9674 again sent Carrick for the flag. This time, after capturing it once again, a rusher bent on eliminating Carrick popped around a corner and shot, but his paintballs failed to burst. Carrick returned fire and eliminated the suicide rusher instead, securing the field advantage and the win for 9674.

In the final match against the Hapa Kids, 9674 stuck to their game plan as Carrick shot towards the flag — this time he was hit.

“That was the first time I had gotten hit, and I think it was because I stopped to shoot and I usually don’t do that,” said Carrick.

With Carrick eliminated, the flag was up for grabs, but the dedicated 9674 team made some precision shots to knock out the opponent’s deep defense and capturing the championship.

The 9674 team included Carrick, Daniel Cambra and Rocky Like. The first-, second- and third-place winners were awarded Proto paintball gear, including gloves, masks, bags, T-shirts, gun-cleaning materials and paintball canisters for carrying extra ammunition.

“Everything ran pretty smoothly,” said owner and operator of Paintball Hawaii, Roland Manahan. “We’ll probably run another one here shortly, when everyone returns from deployment.”



Carrick sprints with the flag (top) and is hit (bottom), during the championship match, Saturday.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Three’s company

Armah Jones of Headquarters Battalion takes a shot as teammate Kevin Martin looks forward to their championship win during a battalion 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Friday.

GOAT, From C-3

are showing everyone that the Cubs aren't the only ticket in Chi Town.

3. *Arizona Diamondbacks* — Even sans Big Unit, the Diamondbacks have the desert people thinking “worst to first” with their solid play thus far.

4. *Houston Astros* — Roger

Clemens is pitching like, well, Roger Clemens, having only allowed one run in four starts. His reward is a mere 1–0 record. His ageless gems are being wasted on a team that simply cannot score runs. The Astros have already lost three games this season 1–0.

5. *Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim* — That people are actually calling the

California Angels, err, the Anaheim Angeles, err, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim by their latest name. The Bottom Line will now be referred to as “The Bottom Line of the *Hawaii Marine* of Marine Corps Base Hawaii of Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.”

Bottom Line: The Professor's first decision on what topic to write

about is usually his last. When it is noticed that no sports writer ever survives his May picks come October, writing “Biggest baseball surprise” stories in May will become unpopular. However, The Goat was obliged since somebody whose rank and lofty position under government would protect him.

The Washington Nationals first

public game in nearly 34 years drew 45,596; and for solid fun, it was probably worth the District of Columbia traffic to see.

Everything is favorable; it is balmy and beautiful spring weather now in baseball cities across America, and nature is all tailored out in her new clothes. And, there is a Pennsylvania Nittany Lion in King George's court.

PROFESSOR, From C-3

potential or will Yankee Stadium become baseball's most expensive retirement village? And, is 2005 the beginning of another century-long drought for Red Sox glory? One answer is perfectly clear... Maybe.



Aubrey Curtis (left) is led by Jason Kut as they traverse the race course near Pyramid Rock Beach Saturday.

RUN, From C-1

some fast runners out here.”

The runners ran the length of Mokapu Road until they reached the Base Theater, where they turned onto the final leg of the race and were directed to the finish line by cheering spectators.

“It was a good race,” said coordinator Mike Li of Marine Corps Community Services. “We got our mission accomplished, and a whole lot of runners had a great time.”

The overall finishers in the men's category were: first place, Rob Adams; second place, Jason Kut; and third place, Aubrey Curtis. The overall women's finishers were: first place, Stefy Matsumura; second place, Ashley Moskal; and third place, Asti Tomsic. In the women's 14 and under division, first place went to Kalsie Sugarhara; women's 20–24, first place went to Laura King; 25–29, Maggie Fuller; 30–34, Heather Phelps; 35–39, Kathleen O'Mally; 40–44, Kelly Noonan; 45–49, Beverly Hudgins; and 55–59, Nancy Morrisette. In the Men's 15–19 division, first place went to Eddie Richmond; 20–24, Kenneth Dawson; 25–29, Bobby Wood; 30–34, Ricky De Shaw; 35–39, Timothy Noonan; 40–44, Larry Fineran; 45–49, Ruben Cavazos; 50–54, Gary Marr; 55–59, Charles Barker; and in the men's 60 and older, Bob Mumper took first place.

All the formation runners were competing for Commanding General's Semper Fit Series points, and all of the formations came from 3rd Marine Regiment. The winning teams were: Brently Bishop's team, in first place, followed by Karl Kirk's second place team, and Joseph Burd's team in third place. Afterwards, a 1-mile Family Fun Run was set up at no charge to families.



First place overall finisher Rob Adams crosses the finish line in 00:34:24. The 3rd Marines 10k has been a major source of unit funds since its inception in 1993.

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